



# CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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AGENDA TITLE: Adopt Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1 to Public Works 800 MHz Radio Transmission Service Contract with La Rue Communications, Inc., of Stockton, for Transit Radio Service (\$20,000 over the Three-Year Term)

MEETING DATE: June 6, 2007

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Contract Change Order No. 1 to the Public Works 800 MHz Radio Transmission Contract with La Rue Communications, Inc., of Stockton, adding radio service for the Public Works Transit Division.

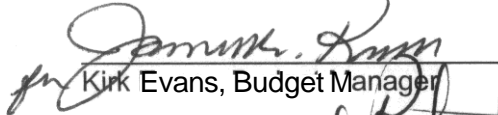
BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Currently, the City of Lodi Public Works divisions (with the exception of Transit) utilize an 800 MHz system for day-to-day operations. The Transit Division contracts with an outside vendor for radio service on a 900 MHz frequency.

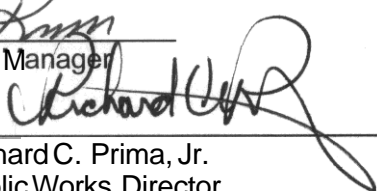
The current radio provider for the Transit Division has proposed a change in frequencies. Due to this proposed change, the existing contract being month-to-month, and difficulties with the existing 900 MHz service, staff has evaluated the benefits of Transit remaining with the current contractor or of joining the radio system utilized by the other Public Works divisions. The system Public Works currently utilizes is trunked and can accommodate the Transit demand. In addition, the Public Works contract allows for additional units to be added, and the contractor has confirmed their willingness to provide the additional service at the same rate and terms for the remaining three years of the contract. Migration of the Transit Division into the contract with the remaining Public Works divisions will allow for all communications to be coordinated under one contract.

The cost proposed includes a monthly fee of \$10 per unit for transmission (Transit will soon operate 33 bus mounted units, two handhelds and two base stations), a monthly fee of \$5 per unit for maintenance, and radio installation at \$85 per hour. The contractor has agreed to replace all the existing radios (25 in total) with 800 MHz radios at no cost to the City. Eight additional radios will be provided and installed for a charge of \$225 each.

FISCAL IMPACT: The addition of Transit to the radio contract will offer radio service at a lower cost than Transit is currently receiving and includes maintenance. By changing from a contract covering transmission only for 25 radios to a contract covering transmission and maintenance for 33 radios, Transit should see an annual savings of \$1,700.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Funding for radio service is included in the 06/07 and 07/08 operating budgets for Dial-A-Ride and Fixed Route.

  
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APPROVED:   
Blair King, City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-104

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE  
CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO PUBLIC WORKS  
800 MHZ RADIO TRANSMISSION SERVICE CONTRACT WITH LARUE  
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR TRANSIT RADIO SERVICE

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WHEREAS, the City entered a five-year contract for Public Works 800 MHz radio transmission service with LaRue Communications, Inc., of Stockton, California, in 2005; and

WHEREAS, currently, the City of Lodi Public Works divisions (with the exception of Transit who contracts with an outside vendor for radio service on a 900 MHz frequency) utilize an 800 MHz system for day-to-day operations; and

WHEREAS, the Transit Division's current radio provider has proposed a change in frequencies, and due to this proposed change, the existing contract being month-to-month, and difficulties with the existing 900 MHz service, staff has evaluated the benefits of Transit remaining with the current contractor or of joining the radio system utilized by the other Public Works divisions; and

WHEREAS, the system Public Works currently utilizes is trunked and can accommodate the Transit demand. The Public Works contract allows for additional units to be added, and the contractor has confirmed its willingness to provide the additional service at the same rate and terms for the remaining three years of the contract; and

WHEREAS, migration of the Transit Division into the contract with the remaining Public Works divisions will allow for all communications to be coordinated under one contract; and

WHEREAS, the cost proposed includes a monthly fee of \$10 per unit for transmission (Transit will soon operate 33 bus mounted units, two handhelds, and two base stations), a monthly fee of \$5 per unit for maintenance, and radio installation at \$85 per hour. The contractor has agreed to replace all the existing radios (25 in total) with 800 MHz radios at no cost to the City. Eight additional radios will be provided and installed for a charge of \$225 each.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lodi City Council that the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute Change Order No. 1 to Public Works 800 MHz Radio Transmission Service Contract with LaRue Communications, Inc., of Stockton, California, for transit radio service in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 over the three-year term.

Dated: June 6, 2007

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2007-104 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held June 6, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hansen, Hitchcock, Katzakian, Mounce, and  
Mayor Johnson

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

  
RANDI JOHL  
City Clerk